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LIMITING THE DIRECTOR OF THE FBI

The U.S. Senate has voted 70 to 0 to limit the director of the FBI to one 10-year term. The objective, according to Sen. Robert Byrd (D., W. Va.), "is to prevent the director of the FBI from becoming a law unto himself."

Said Byrd, mindful of J. Edgar Hoover's 45-year reign, no director should become "an autocratic dictator" nor should the FBI become "a political police force."

Byrd pointed out that by restricting an FBI director to one term, the director would be prevented from "campaigning" to extend his tenure indefinitely, a Hoover practice with many sad and thus far unrevealed excesses.

Under the Senate bill, which has gone to the House for consideration, the director of the FBI would be subject to dismissal at the discretion of the President.